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1. NPT RATIFICATION ISSUE WAS DISCUSSED DURING ACDA DIRECTOR IKLE'S FEB. 9 MEETING WITH MULTI-PARTISAN DIET DELEGATION LED BY KIYOSHI MIZUNO. DELEGATION INCLUDED THREE MEMBERS OF LOWER HOUSE FOREIGN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE (MIZUNO OF LDP, NAGASUE OF DSP AND DOMORI OF JSP), WHICH IS CURRENTLY CONSIDERING RATIFICATION QUESTION.

2. IN THE COURSE OF HIS OPENING REMARKS ON OVERALL US DISARMAMENT POLICY, DR. IKLE MENTIONED IMPORTANCE US PLACES UPON NON-PROLIFERATION. HE EXPRESSED US SUPPORT FOR NPT, AS ONE ASPECT OF OUR NON-PROLIFERATION EFFORT, AND OUR HOPE THAT US ALLIES WOULD FAVORABLY CONSIDER RATIFI-
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CATION. HE NOTED OUR APPRECIATION FOR THE GOJ'S

COOPERATION IN PURSUIT OF OUR SHARED OBJECTIVE OF PREVENTING FURTHER PROLIFERATION, MENTIONING SPECIFICALLY JAPANESE ROLE IN IAEA AND CLOSE CONSULTATIONS WITH JAPANESE OBSERVER DELEGATION AT 1975 NPT REVIEW CONFERENCE.

3. IN RESPONSE TO MIZUNO'S REQUEST FOR FURTHER COMMENT ON THE ADVANTAGES AND DISADVANTAGES THAT NPT WOULD BRING JAPAN, DR. IKLE MADE THREE POINTS: A) RATIFICATION WOULD BE CONSISTENT WITH JAPAN'S INTERNATIONAL POSITION AS NON-NUCLEAR WEAPONS STATE AND LEADER IN THE PEACEFUL NUCLEAR ENERGY FIELD. OTHER NATIONS IN A SIMILAR POSITION, CANADA AND WEST GERMANY, ARE NPT PARTIES. B) RATIFICATION WOULD ENHANCE JAPAN'S ROLE AS A LEADER IN THE ARMS CONTROL FIELD AND ADVOCATE OF NUCLEAR DISARMAMENT. FAILURE

TO RATIFY COULD WELL BE CITED BY OTHER ASIAN STATES, SUCH AS INDONESIA (WHICH IS ALSO SIGNATARY BUT NOT PARTY TO NPT), AS REASON OR EXCUSE FOR NOT RATIFYING NPT. C) NPT HAS HELPED CREATE ENVIRONMENT OF CONFIDENCE THAT HAS FACILITATED INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION IN NUCLEAR ENERGY. THERE IS INCREASING CONCERN IN US ABOUT THE PROLIFERATION CONSIDERATIONS OF ALL US TRANSACTIONS IN THE NUCLEAR ENERGY FIELD. WHILE IT IS NOT IMPOSSIBLE TO JUSTIFY TO CONGRESS AND PUBLIC NUCLEAR TRANSACTIONS WITH NON-NPT PARTIES, IT WILL BE MUCH EASIER TO GAIN CONTINUED SUPPORT FOR TRANSACTIONS WITH NPT PARTIES.

4. AFTER COMMENTING THAT FRANCE AND CHINA OPPOSED NPT, DOMORI ASKED IKLE'S ESTIMATE OF HOW FRENCH AND CHINESE ATTITUDES WOULD DEVELOP. IKLE NOTED THAT ALTHOUGH PRC OPPOSED NPT, CHINA DID NOT ENCOURAGE PROLIFERATION AND IN FACT HAD NOT MADE ANY NUCLEAR EXPORTS, EITHER IN PEACEFUL OR MILITARY AREAS. FOR HISTORICAL REASONS, FRANCE WOULD NOT JOIN NPT. HOWEVER, FRENCH DO WISH TO DISCOURAGE PROLIFERATION AND PRESIDENT GISCARD HAS STATED REPEATEDLY THAT FRANCE'S NON-PROLIFERATION POLICY WOULD BE CONSISTENT WITH NPT.

5. AS FONOFF HAS ASKED TO BE INFORMED OF USG COMMENTS TO JAPANESE DIETMEN CONCERNING NPT, TOKYO MAY INFORM
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FONOFF OF ABOVE. FYI: JAPANESE CHARGE NISHIDA ACCOMPANIED DIET DELEGATION TO MEETING. INGERSOLL

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